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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: N. Vu
KOICHIRO TANAKA, ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2612
Application No.: 09/009,932)
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Filed: January 21, 1998)
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD)
FOR CONTROLLING A)
CAMERA BASED ON A)
DISPLAYED IMAGE : March 15, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENT:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
9-186923	Japan	July 15, 1997

REMARKS

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in the subject application.

An English translation of the JP '923 reference is not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but is being prepared by Applicants and will be provided to the Examiner as soon as it is available. In this regard, Applicants submit that the JP '923 reference does not disclose or suggest at least the feature of collating a pattern of a detected figure with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device, and selecting a command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with a figure pattern corresponding to the detected figure. An English abstract obtained from a commercial database also is provided herewith as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration.

FEE STATEMENT

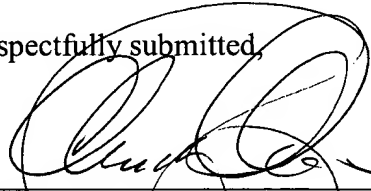
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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